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For: A NOVEL HUMAN VIRUS CAUSING
SEVERE ACUTE RESPIRATORY
SYNDROME (SARS) AND USES THEREOF

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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 21 of this paper.